(a) whether Government propose to. remove from the Hindu Marriage, Act and the Special Marriage Act the Clauses prohibiting matrimony if one or both partners have epilepsy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAI) : (a) to (c) The question of bringing in necessary amendments in ths Hindu Maniage Act, 1955 and the Special Marriage Act, 1954 for removal of references to epilepsy therein is under active consideration and a decision in the matter will be taken in consultation wi*n the other concerned Ministries.

CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUTSICE, CHIEF MINISTERS, LAW MINISTERS/ SECRETARIES AT NEW DELHI

3205, SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI MENTAY PADMANA BHAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whe'her any conference of Chief Justice, Chief Ministers, Law Ministers and Law Secretaries was held at New Delhi .

(b) if so, the date thereof and fhe names of the participants and the agenda of the Conference;

(c) whether any discussion was helt on vacant posts in the High Courts and Supreme Court, if so, the details thereof ;

(d) the decisions taken thereat; and

(e) what steps are being contemplated to implement the decisions taken therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) arid (b) Yes, Sir. A meeting of Chief Ministers and Chief Justies was held in New Delhi on 4 De-:ember, 1993. Law Ministers and Law Secretaries of various States/U.Ts. were also present, among others, in the meeting The names of participants in the meeting are indicated In the enclosed statement *See* below). The agenda for the meeting was "Arrears of cases in courts".

(c) to (e) The recommendations made by Chief Ministers and Chief Justices at the Meeting are contained in the Resolution adopted by them at the meeting, a copy of which is placed at Annexure. *(See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 63) Para 4 of the Resolution contains the recommendations relating to appoinment of Judges in the Superior Courts. Government is considering the further action to be taken in respect of the recommendations contained in the Resolution.

STATEMENT

N xmes of Participants at the Meeting of duel Ministers and Chief Justices

J. UNION

Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao,
Prime Minister

Shri H. R. Bhardwaj, Minister of State for Law, Justice. & Co. Affairs

Shri A. N. Verma, Principal Secretary to PM

Dr. P. C. Rao,
Union Law Secretary

Sri N. N. Vobra,
Secretary (Justice) &
Home Secretary

Shri K. L. Mohanpuria,
Secretary,
Legislative Department

Shri Aran Sinha,
Additional Secretary,
Deptt. of Justice

Dr. V. K. Agarwal, Additional Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs,

.Shri R. *L.* Meea, Additional Secretary, Department. of Legal Affairs

shri N. K. Sinha, J.S.to^.SM.

Shri.S, K. Bose, Joint Secretary, Department of Justice

*Shri M. P. Singh, Joint Secretary, Department of Justice

STATES

1. *Andhra Pradesh :*
   (i) Shri A. Dharma Rao Minister of Home & Justice
   (ii) Shri. K. Ranga Rao, Law Secretary
2. *Arunachal Pradesh :*
   (i) Shri Gegong Apang, Chief Minister
   (ii) Shri K. A. Prabhakar Rao, taw Secretary
3. *Assam.:*
   (i) Shri G. C. Langthasa, Minister Hill Area Development
   (ii) Shri D.'N. 'Konwar, Law'Minister
   (iii) Shri B. Chentia, Law Secretary
4. *Bihar* :
   (i) Shri Lalu Prasad Yadav, Chief Minister
   (ii) Shri Ram Naresh Prasad, Law Minister
   (iii) Shri Vidya Nand, Law Secretary
5. *Coa* :
   (i) Dr. Wilfred D'Sauza Chief Minister
   (ii) .Shri Wuizinho Falejro, Law .Minister
   (iii) Shri B. S. *Subban*na, Law Secretary
6. *Gujarat :*
   (i) Shri Chimanbhai Patel, Chief Minister
   (ii) Shri Navinbhai Sbastri, Law Minister
   (iii) .Smt. Kokilaben Trivedi, Joint Secretary (Legal)
7. *Haryana :*
   (i) ShrKBhajan Lal Chief Minister
   (ii) Shri Subhash Batra, Chief Barit. Secy.
   (iii) Shri T. P. Garg, Law Secretary
   (iv) Shri A. N. Matter, Secretary (Home & Justice)

S. *Himachal Trade sh :*
   (i) Shri Surendra Nath, Governor
   (ii) Shri K. C. Sood, Law Secretary

9. *Jammu & Kashmir :*
   (i) Shri G. M. Thakur, Law Secretary

10. *Kamalaka* :
   (ii Shri M. Veerappan Moily Chief Minister
   (ii) Shri H. Ramaswamy, Law Minister
   (iii) Shri B. N. Mallikarjuna, Law Secretary

11. *Kerala* .:
   (i) Shri K. Karunakaran, Chief Minister
   (ii)Shri A. M. .Sivadas, Law Secretary

12. *Madhya Pradesh :*

(i) Shri N. K. Jain, Law Secretary

13. *Maharashtra :*

(!) Shri Ramrao Adik, Law Minister

(ii) Shri B. G. More, law Secretary

14. *Manipur :*

(i) Shri R. K. Dorendra Singh, Chief Minister

(ii) Shri L. Inbocha Singh, Law Secretary

15. *Meghalaya* :

(i) Shri S.C. Marak, Chief Minister.

(ii) Shri L. Jyrwa, Law Secretary.

16. *Nagaland :*

(i) Shri Zaire Angami. Law Secretary

17. *Orissa* : (i) Shri Narasingha Misra. Law Minister.

(ii) Shri P. K. Panigrahi, Law Secretary

18. *Punjab :*

(i) Shri Surender Nath, Governor

(ii) Shri A. S. Gil. Legal Remembrancer

19. *Rajasthan :*

(i) Shri J. P. Bansal, Law Secretary

20. *Sikkim :*

(i) Shri Nar Bahadur Bhandari *Chief* Minister

(ii) Shri K. N. Upreti, Law Minister

(hi) Shri B. R. Pradhan, Law Secretary .

21. *Tamil Nadu* :

(i) Shri K. A. Krishnaswamy, Law Minister.

(ii) Shri K. Malaisamy, Secretary Home & Courts

(iii) Shri M. Muniraman, Law Secretary

22. T *ripure :*

(i) Shri Dashrath Deb, Chief Minister

hi) Shri P. K. Sarkar, Law Secretary

23. *Utiai Pradesh :*

ii) Shri A. K. Srivastava, Law Secretary.

24. W*est Bengal :*

(i) Sri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister

ii) Sri A. Q. Molla, Law Minister

(iii) Shri R. N. Ray, Law Secretary

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25. *Andaman & Nicobar :*

(i) Shri Basudeb Kumiu, Judicial Secretary

26. *Chandigarh :*

(i) Shri Surendra Nath, Administrator

(ii) Shri Randhir Singh. Legal Remembrancer.

27. *Delhi :*

(i) Shri R.-K. Takkar, Chief Secretary

<i) Shri K. S. Gupta, Law & Judl. Secretary

28. *Dadra & Nagar Havcli and Daman & Diu :*

(1) Shri K. S. Baidwan, Administrator

(ii) Smt. Sindhushree Khullar, Development Commissioner

29. P*ondicheny :*

(i) Shri A. Gandhiraj, Law Minister

(ii) Shri V. Narayanaswamy, Deputy Secretary.

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Shri Justice M. N. Venkatachalian, Chief Justice of India

Shri Justice S. R. Panxlian. Judge, Supreme Court of India

Shri Justice A. M. Ahmadi, Judge. Supreme Court of India

HIGH COURTS

Shri Justice V. K. Khanna, Acting Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court.

Shri Justice A. L. Rao, Acting Chief Justice, Andhra Pradesh High Court.

Shri Justice M. K. Mukherjee, Chief Justice, Bombay High Court.

Shri Justice A. M. Bhattachatjee, Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court.

Shri Justice G. C. Mittal, Chief Justice, Delhi High Court.

Shri Justice S. N. Sundararn, Chief Justice, Gujarat High Court.

Shri Justice U. L. Bhat, Chief Justice, Guwahati High Court.

Shri Justice Bhawani Singh, Acting Chief Justice, Himachal Pradesh High Court.

Shri Justice S. C. Mathur, Chief Justice, Jammu & Kashmir High Court.

Shri Justices S. B. Majmudar, Chief Justice, Karnutuka High Court.

Shri Justice M. Jagannadha Rao, Chief Justice, Kerala High Court.

Shri Justice K. A. Swami, Chief Justice, Madras High Court.

Shri Justice S. K. Jha. Chief Justice, Madhya Pradesh High Court.

Shri Justice B. L. Hansaria, Chief Justice, Orsst High Court.

Shri Justice B. C. Basak. Chief Justice, Patna K;gh Court.

Shri Justice S. D. Agarwala. Chief Justice, Punjab & Haryana High Court.

Shri Justice K. C. Agarwal, Chief Justice, Rajasthan High Court.

Shri Justice S. N. Bhargava, Chief Justice. Sikkim High Court.

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Shri Milon K. Banerji, Attorney General of India

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